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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS ASSISTANCE GRANT INFORMATION

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The Emergency Management Preparedness Assistance Grant (EMPAG) program was authorized by the Washington State Legislature in the State Fiscal Year 2007 budget. \$1.6 million was earmarked for this competitive grant, and identified eligible applicants as local governments, tribal governments, regional agencies, regional incident management teams and private organizations. The grant focused on high impact, short term projects because the state funding expires on June 30, 2007.

The three-week application period opened on May 17 and closed on June 5, 2006. A total of 89 applications were received, totaling \$8,492,363. A breakdown of the applicant demographics follows:

- 11 private organizations (12.4%)
- 61 local governments (68.5%)
- 5 tribal governments (5.7%)
- 12 regional agencies (1 IMT) (13.4%)

Applications were reviewed by a peer review panel consisting of federal and state reviewers with knowledge and expertise in emergency management. A total of 30 awards were announced on June 29, 2006. These awards represent funding for 37% of the eligible applications received.

A breakdown of the award demographics follows:

Tribal applications funded: 4 of 5
Totaling: \$258,477

Private applications funded: 3 of 11
Totaling: \$183,284

Local government applications funded: 22 of 61
Totaling: \$1,042,836

Regional agency applications funded: 1 of 12
Totaling: \$115,403

Funds will be used for preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery activities, including training, planning, exercises and equipment.

This was a one-time grant opportunity provided by the Washington State Legislature. To be advised of future grant funding opportunities through the Washington Military Department, Emergency Management Division, please sign up for the Washington State Homeland Security List-Serve on the EMD website (www.emd.wa.gov, Homeland Security link).